

December Newsletter

November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our December Newsletter. We have had the most amazing term, filled with lots of Christmas fun, engaging learning and time spent nurturing friendships. Our reception class have completed their first full term in school and we are very proud of how well they have settled. Read on to find out more about life in school recently.

Cross Country



Our Slimbridge athletes braved the wind and rain on Saturday 6th December for the second of the District Schools Cross Country League. All the children ran amazing races, with many gaining higher positions compared to their last race. A special well done to Stanley Tarr, who gained more than 30 places ahead of his last race! Three children also finished within the top 10 in their race: Ellen 2nd, Jack B 4th, Ted S 9th. A huge well done to these children and everyone that raced on the day. A big thank you to parents for supporting your children and to the parent volunteers for organising the event.

Nativities

The school has been a hive of activity with all of our nativity and concert performances. The children have entertained us with carols and festive songs from Little Otters through to Y5 and 6 performing in the church. We hope you enjoyed watching the children's performances and that it brought some cheer to your Christmas lead up. Whether it was the reception nativity, the years 1-3 production of "Hey Ewe!", or the Y4/5/6 church concert, we hope you enjoyed sharing in the festive season with us. A massive thank you to our parental community for all your support and kindness.



Uniform

Just a reminder that all children should be wearing the correct uniform, unless it is an agreed non-uniform day. You can check the full policy here: [School Uniform Policy](#). However we would like to highlight that it should be:

- Black School shoes - NOT sports trainers
- NO hoodies or joggers Socks should be
- grey, black or white (but not branded sports socks please) If you need any help or support with uniform we have lots of free items available in the school reception.

Goodbye Mrs Carter

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Carter, our talented music teacher as she prepares to leave us after many years of dedicated service to our primary school. Through her passion, creativity and commitment, Mrs Carter has inspired generations of students to develop a love of music, confidence in performance, and joy in learning. We can not thank her enough for her contribution to Slimbridge over the years, which has gone far beyond the classroom, enriching school events. Thank you Mrs Carter, we wish you every happiness and success in the next chapter from everyone at Slimbridge.

SENDCo

From January 2026, Miss Beale will be stepping down as our school SENDCo, as she wishes to work more closely with the children across the school and move the school forwards in different directions, to further benefit and enhance their school experience. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Beale for supporting the SEND children and their families for the past two years. This means that from January, our new school SENDCo will be Mrs Lawes. We look forward to welcoming her to our 'Slimbridge Family'. Miss Beale will be given dedicated time to work alongside Mrs Lawes to support with transition of paper work and the needs of the children.

Christmas Jumper Day

This year Christmas Jumper day took place on 11th December and school was full of lovely festive knitwear for the day and some festive accessories.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner was early this year for the school and took place on the 11th December, which was fun as everyone was dressed in their festive jumpers. The children enjoyed having a wrapped table to eat off and crackers to pull. Although I think they liked being waited on by the staff ... just like they were in a restaurant! Holly the dog enjoyed the leftover turkey!



Finally

From everyone at Slimbridge Primary we'd like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Many thanks for your support and kindness.



Dates

Term 2		
Date	Who?	Event
Friday 19th December	Whole School	End of Term 1:30 p.m.
Monday 5th January	INSET DAY	INSET - NO SCHOOL FOR PUPILS
Tuesday 6th January	Whole School	Return to school 8:40 a.m.
Thursday 8th January	New Parent Tour	9:30 a.m Tour of School
Friday 16th January	Y5/6	Young Voices
Wednesday 28th January	Y4/5	Baking Club
Wednesday 4th February	Y4/5	Baking Club
Wednesday 11th February	Y4/5	Baking Club
Friday 13th February	Whole School	Last Day of Term